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- A. USNATO 4232, DTG 260902Z APR 78;
- B. USNATO 4179, DTG 241728Z APR 78

1. CONCUR IN MISSION VIEWS, REF A. WE HAVE THE
FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENT.

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2. AS A MATTER OF ACCURACY, WE SUGGEST DELETION
OF "THE FIRST TO BE" IN FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 2,
REF B. THE FORCE GOALS FOR 1979-1984 WILL BE ONLY
FORCE GOALS BASED ON 1977 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE.

3. WE NOTE EMPHASIS IN PARAS 18 AND 19 OF REF B ON
ACCEPTANCE BY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES OF THE DRAFT FORCE

GOALS PROPOSED FOR THEIR FORCES. WE BELIEVE THAT
PARA 19 COULD WELL INDICATE THAT IN SEVERAL INSTANCES,
HOWEVER, THE DRC FOUND IT APPROPRIATE TO MAINTAIN

CERTAIN FORCE PROPOSALS WHICH COUNTRIES WERE NOT
READY TO ACCEPT, AS A COLLECTIVE JUDGMENT OF A REASONABLE
CHALLENGE TO THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

4. WE HAVE SERIOUS DIFFICULTY WITH LANGUAGE OF
PARA 40(D) OF REF B WHICH INVITES THE DPC IN

PERMANENT SESSION TO "UNDERTAKE ON BEHALF OF THEIR
RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS TO INTRODUCE INTO NATIONAL
FORWARD PLANNING THOSE FORCE GOALS ADDRESSED TO
THEIR COUNTRIES." WE MUCH PREFER LANGUAGES ALONG
THE LINES OF PARA 21 OF ANNEX 1 TO DPC/D(71)10, WHICH
PROVIDES THAT "ON THEIR ADOPTION BY THE DEFENSE
PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION, THE NATO
FORCE GOALS WILL BE SENT TO MEMBER COUNTRIES, WHICH
WILL BE INVITED BY THE ALLIANCE TO IMPLEMENT THEM."

5. OUR APPROACH IN PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE IS IN NO
WAY INTENDED TO DEROGATE, DISPARAGE OR DETRACT
FROM THE IMPORTANCE OF AGREED NATO FORCE GOALS,
WHICH SHOULD CERTAINLY BE GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION
IN THE PREPARATION OF NATIONAL PLANS. WE ARE
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CONCERNED THAT THE LANGUAGE "INTRODUCE INTO NATIONAL
PLANS" CAN BE TAKEN AS A COMMITMENT TO CARRY OUT
THE FULL FORCE GOALS, CHALLENGES AND ALL. NATO
ADOPTION OF THE FORCE GOALS AS A COLLECTIVE
ALLIANCE JUDGMENT OF WHAT EACH NATION SHOULD STRIVE
TO DO WOULD BE GREATLY FACILITATED IF THIS POINT
WERE CLARIFIED.

6. AS A SEPARATE MATTER, WE RECOGNIZE THAT IS AND
MNC'S HAVE PUT CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF EXTRA ENERGY
IN THIS YEARS' FORCE GOAL EXERCISE, AND THEY MAY
BE FULLY CONVINCED THAT STRESS ON EXPLICIT NATIONAL
ACCEPTANCE OF FORCE GOALS REPRESENTS A HIGHLY USEFUL
STEP TOWARD BETTER NATO LONG-TERM PLANNING. IF THIS IS IN-
DEED THE CASE, WE SUGGEST DRC SCHEDULE AN INFORMAL "UN-
INSTRUCTED" SESSION TO DISCUSS LESSONS LEARNED IN THIS
YEAR'S EFFORT AND THEIR APPLICABILITY FOR THE FUTURE, TO
ESTABLISH A FIRST VIEW ON NEED FOR ANY CHANGES IN
DPC/D(71)10.

7. MOREOVER WE SUGGEST THAT DURING SUCH AN INFORMAL
SESSION, DRC SHOULD CONSIDER THE IMPORTANT RELATION-

SHIP BETWEEN THE LTDP AND FORCE GOALS. IN THE
FINAL ANALYSIS, NATIONS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO

BALANCE FORCE GOALS AND LTDP RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE
BEST INTERESTS OF ALLIANCE EFFECTIVENESS. OUTCOME
OF ANY SUCH DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE MOST INTERESTING.

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